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CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVES SALES  
OUTLETS REACH 18,806

NETWORK OF OUTLETS EXPANDING -- Hospodar, No 9, 2 Mar 50

The number of sales outlets of consumers' cooperatives [in the Czech Prov-  
inces?] rose by 11,425 in 1949, and reached 18,806 at the end of that year.  
Of these, 17,781 sales outlets were in the food sector. The number of members  
rose by more than a half million families in 1949, so that 1,700,000 families  
are now organized into consumers' cooperatives in the Czech Provinces.

One or more cooperative sales outlets exist now in all obec with 500 or  
more inhabitants. The number of obec with more than 300 inhabitants and no  
sales outlets is insignificant. There are 1,792 cooperative sales outlets in  
obec with less than 300 inhabitants.

Consumers' cooperatives already serve more than 60 percent of the entire  
population. There is not a single okres without cooperative sales outlets.  
Private trade no longer exists in 3,627 obec; only cooperative sales outlets  
and sales outlets of the state enterprise Pramen are found there.

The establishment of cooperative sales outlets in the villages is proceed-  
ing rapidly, and the planned network of such sales outlets will be fully estab-  
lished by the end of the first half of 1950 at the latest, so that it will serve  
the entire population. The new network will be substantially smaller than the  
previous private network. The average monthly revenue per member rose from 835  
crowns in November 1948 to 2,070 crowns in November 1949.

"BRATRSTVI" COOPERATIVE HAS 242,047 MEMBERS -- Hospodar, No 10, 9 Mar 50

"Bratrstvi," the largest cooperative in Czechoslovakia, gained 57,560 mem-  
bers in 1949, so that at the end of that year it had 242,047 members. This  
means that the cooperative supplies 847,000 persons, i.e., 70.58 percent of the  
total population of the area under its jurisdiction.

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The following are important components of the organization:

1. Supervisory committees and women's commissions in the sales outlets.
2. Supervisory groups of three persons in special sales outlets.
3. Regional and district committees.

The organizational, control, and construction components of the cooperative are aided by 29,000 functionaries.

A total of 2,391 sales units were opened in 1949. These included 1,452 food units, 281 fruit and vegetable units, 103 dairies, 304 butchering-smoking units, 44 fish and poultry units, 81 candy and confectionery units, 29 bakeries, 79 textile units, and 17 kitchen-equipment units. In addition, 24 obec were visited by mobile sales units. All sales units were supplied from three independent warehouses.

The actual 1949 revenue was 4,542,362,000 crowns.

The cooperative owns three butchering-smoking plants, 55 bakeries, one chemical factory at Pitkvice, one fine-baked-goods factory, one upholstered-furniture factory, two office and store equipment factories, four automobile repair shops, one beer-bottling plant with soda water and soft drink factory, one cabbage-slicing plant, 95 confectionery factories, 27 coal dumps, three fancy-grocery factories, and one interior decoration studio.

In 1949, 233.5 carloads of goods were produced at the butchering-smoking plants, and 640 carloads of bread and 160 carloads of white pastry were produced at the bakeries.

Of the 8,791 employees of warehouses, sales outlets, factories, and offices, 39 percent were women.

The rapid development of the cooperative has necessitated a decentralization of the enterprise. Twenty-three autonomous regions and sections have been created.

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